



As part of our Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series, the Department of Communication Studies is proud to present a talk with distinguished television producer, writer and showrunner, and Concordia alumnus, René Balcer ('78).

René Balcer is best known for writing over 180 episodes of the acclaimed television series *Law & Order*, and for creating and showrunning its spinoff series, *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. His honours include an Emmy, a Writers Guild of America Award, a Peabody Award, and four Edgar Awards from the Mystery Writers of America. Mr. Balcer graduated with a BA in Communication Studies from Concordia in 1978. In 2004, he was awarded Alumnus of the Year and received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Concordia in 2008. This Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series event kicks off the Department of Communication Studies' 50th Anniversary, which is being celebrated throughout the academic year: <http://coms50th.concordia.ca>

**Department of Communication Studies  
Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series**

**2:30pm Friday, Sept. 25  
Loyola Campus CJ 1.114**

Followed by a cocktail reception in the CJ Atrium

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